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Hollywood's favorite fashion brand comes to Asia thru RP

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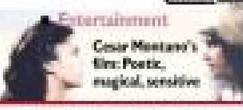
Palace laughs off ruling on Marcos wealth

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SMC offers $1.37B for Australian dairy firms

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Solon says nat'l gov't cheating LGUs of billions from value-added tax



Entertainment

Cesar Montano's film: Poetic, magical, sensitive

Confusing numbers game: How the dead are counted

Estrada shakes off surgery jitters with few 'Eraptions'



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Erap surgery called off

'This is not a time to be happy'

US surgeon fails to get HK permit to operate

By Armand N. Nocum and Volt Contreras



A ma's dilemma, other tales of tragedy



RP sending forensic team to Phuket, docs to Sri Lanka

Stars Vilma, Boyet shine brightest



Yorac bucks PCGG downgrade

Second FRONTPAGE

WEATHER FORECAST

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Palace laughs off ruling on FM money

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

MALACAÑANG yesterday laughed off a United States court's decision blocking access to the $658-million bank deposits of former President Ferdinand Marcos, saying the funds were already in government's hands.

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LPG price to be cut by ₱1/kilo

By Abigail L. Ho

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NOISE WILL DO

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GMA: 2005 a year of urgent change

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

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Special session

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Action vs corruption

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Gov't rejects Joma claim on rights violations

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Arroyo, Gordon prod GMA on Naia 3 opening

By Michael Lim Ubac

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Cops told: Explain bungled case vs 'cybersex king'

By Philip C. Tubeza

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RIZAL DAY RITES

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Safety is PNP catchword for tonight's fest

GMA eyes US funding for rice terraces' rehab

Solon pushes trust fund for coco tillers

Prosperity comes to those who prepare for it.

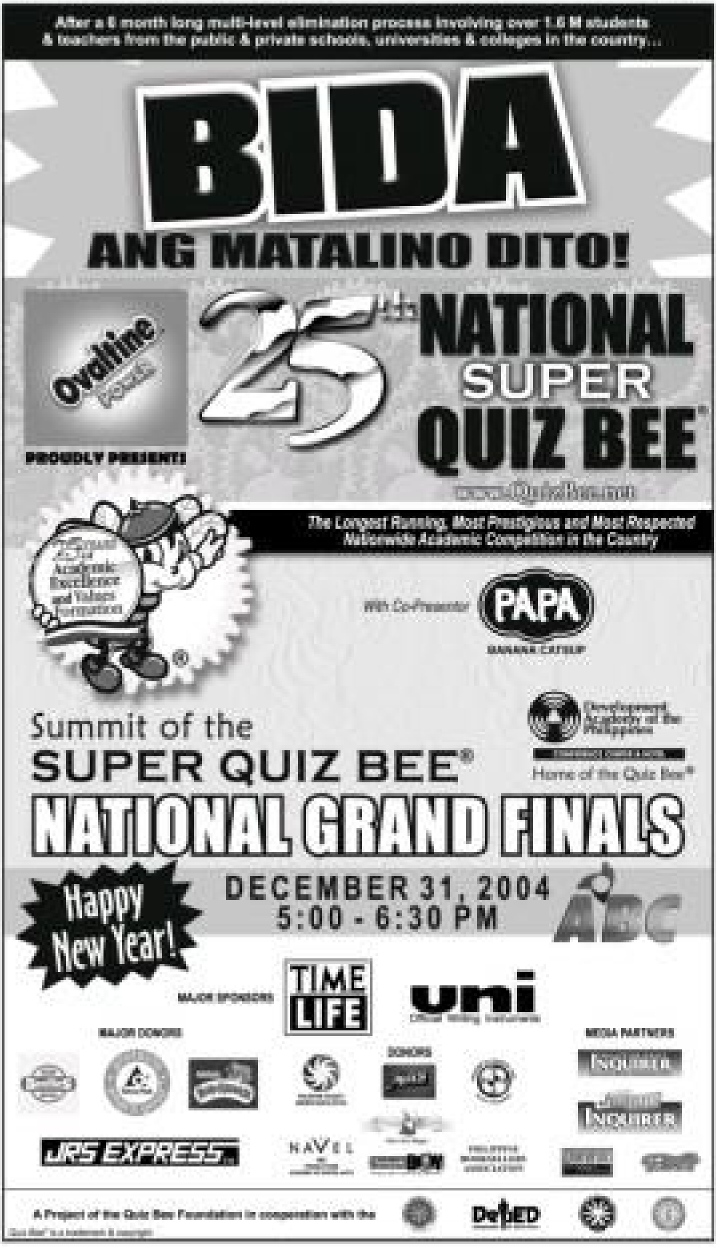


Round fruits on the table. Coins scattered around the house. Wide open windows. Polka dot attires. You may opt to use lucky charms to attract prosperity. But we can help you attract true prosperity to come knocking on your door. We can even help you prepare for any eventuality such as illness and accident that may hinder your financial freedom in the coming New Year.

Are You Ready for Life?

Special session may be a dud

Palace to take Jalosjos pardon issue to DOJ



RP, Asia-Pacific boy scouts hold nat'l jamboree

Alleged smuggle attempt foiled

Revelers told not to burn tires, or else…



Mayors remind citizens to be safe in greeting New Year



HOW TO USE FIRECRACKERS SAFELY

Sta. Rosa hosts sky 'concert'

Mandaluyong organizes seniors

No restful slumber for this family



'This is not a time to be happy'

Death count

4-nation relief coalition

'We feel like dogs'

Growing frustration

Hospitals overwhelmed

$14B needed

5,000 foreigners missing

Food riots

Confusing ...

Meticulous

Wailing at the morgue

Confusing tallies normal

Different tolls

Accurate count impossible

Hotel registers

A ma's dilemma, other tales of tragedy

Guided by a snake

Nightmares keep coming back

Never to the sea again

20 hours up a tree

Undaunted by deaths

RP sending forensic team to Phuket, docs to Sri Lanka

Bodies in freezers

Filipino-sounding names

Lone fatality so far

Coming home

Spreading cheers

'Beauty is gone'

Lucky stars shine on fortunetellers

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InqBox
Question of the Week
What are your hopes and dreams for your family this Christmas and the New Year!



Erap surgery called off

Application rejected

Erap knew?

Palace helping

Worst-case scenario

Defense counsel chided

Gov't an accomplice

No special treatment

First time

Stars Vilma, Boyet shine

FPJ in the house

No teleprompter

7 awards each

'R' rating

Yorac bucks PCGG downgrade

Requires legislation

Rationale

Executive powers

Estrada shakes off surgery jitters with few 'Eraptions'

Still waiting

Sick man

'Perfect from knees up'

Policy of compassion

Mocking

The WORLD

Car bombings rock Riyadh



US troops kill 25 rebels in fierce Iraq fight

Ramsey Clark joins Saddam's legal team

Details of detainees' treatment at Guantanamo Bay emerge





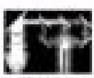
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PLO radicals back Abbas rival for presidency



ABBAS





4 antiquities dealers indicted for forged relics



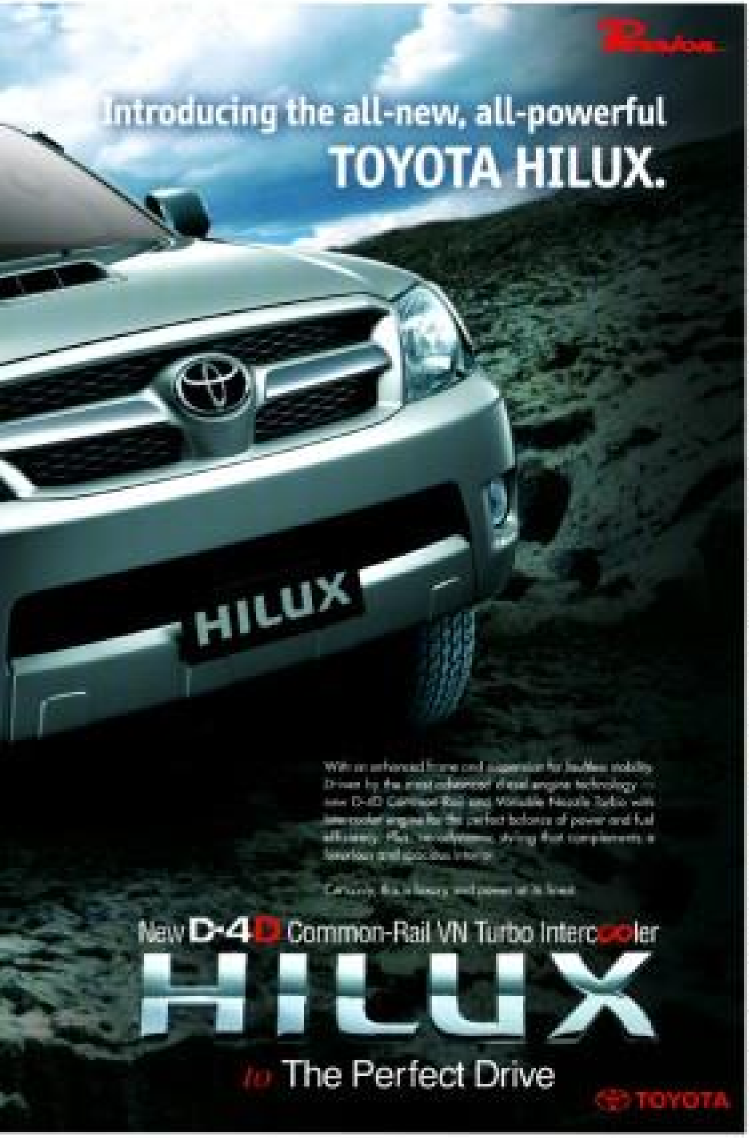


29th human bird flu case in Vietnam

Direct contact

Health officials

Transport ban



Japan emperor's only daughter Sayako to wed

Massacre of 800 Albanians during Kosovo war bared

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OPINION

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Dangerous revelry

EDITORIAL

TONIGHT the skies will light up with a thousand and one flares and a legion of blazing portents. No, it's not the end of the world. It's just the traditional New Year's Eve revelry of fireworks, firecrackers—and fiery or fatal accidents.

To the credit of this reckless nation, the revelry through the years has become less and less deadly. Despite the characteristic tendency of revelers to explode themselves to kingdom come, there has grown a movement and a critical mass promoting and inculcating caution and restraint during the celebration. That mass is building up.

For instance, the police leadership this year has pledged to crack down severely on violators of the law on illegal firecrackers. Banned pyrotechnics are those that contain more than 0.2 grams of explosive ingredients, ignite in less than three seconds or before the count of six, and carry no manufacturer's label. In the Philippines, these pyrotechnics come with such fancy names as "big triangle," "super lolo," "thunder," "mother rocket," "five-star," "Oil," "plapla," "pillbox," "whistle bomb," "giant whistle bomb," "atomic bomb" and "super lusong."

It seems local authorities are cooperating with the police initiative. Gov. Josefina Cruz of Bulacan, the firecracker capital of the Philippines, has urged consumers to use only regulated pyrotechnics bearing business registration numbers. She said that the provincial government would crack down on illegal firecracker manufacturers and implement to the letter Republic Act 7183, the law on pyrotechnics.

But local governments seem impervious to a 2002 memorandum from the Department of Interior and Local Government to designate firecracker zones in their localities so as to regulate the festivities. Perhaps this measure should be tried and tested. It may yet rationalize firecracker use and limit its potential for damage and danger.

But there's also concern about police and military officers firing guns at the height of the revelry. Cases of illegal discharge of firearms in the past years have led to deaths and injuries. Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes has warned policemen, soldiers and firemen who will fire their guns that they would be charged and fired from the service.

Safety precautions tonight cannot be overemphasized. Uncontrolled and irrational use of firecrackers has maimed and even killed thousands. It has also rendered thousands homeless on the occasion when firecrackers cause fire accidents. Although firecracker accidents have been on a decline since 1999, there's a need to further lessen the incidence. There ought to be new warnings about the irreparability of a firecracker injury since many survivors die of tetanus infection later on, as statistics of the health department tend to show.

Moreover, there's the environmental threat. Firecracker use contributes to the degradation of an environment already stretched to its breathing limits by industrial and residential pollution. There must be a more welcoming way to welcome the New Year without compromising health and the ecology.

Save your fingers tonight

AS I SEE IT



Neal H. Cruz

Happy New Year to everybody. May all your fingers remain intact after the revelry.

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Rizal: nationalism, exile and return

PASSION FOR REASON



Raul C. Pangalangan

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Terminal 3 expropriation just a start

Analysis

Amando Doronila



Digital tales

Pinoy Kasi

Michael L. Tan



In touch, instantly

Digital greetings

Virtual realities

Doomsday reflections

At Large

Rina Jimenez-David



A Rizal cottage industry

Looking Back

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Mining Act's safety nets

Letters

Unappreciated friends?

An icon, an idol

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Charade

Silence on NPA's human rights violations

Across the NATION

Solon says nat'l gov't cheating LGUs

Groups give slain social worker award for dedication



READY FOR THE BANG

Alarm raised over burning of Negros plantations

Terror war draws thin line between Islam, terrorism

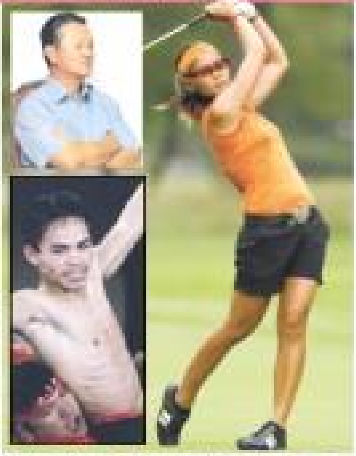
GMA praises resilience of typhoon victims



Trust in cops tagged reason for less crimes

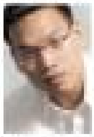
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Cojuangco PSA Awards main guest



ROSALES and Pacquiao will receive their awards from Cojuangco (top inset).

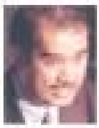
RP coach's tenure not etched in stone

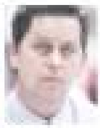


IM Sanchez nears Nice chess title



SANCHEZ: Half-point lead

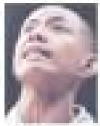




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REYES



GUIAO

Nine stakes races highlight 'Pasasalamat'

Gonzales clears knock-out bar for Hastings tilt



ALL-FILIPINO WARS

Tigresses look invincible as Final 4 battles heat up



REMNANTS

Gloria visit to Baguio sign meningo not scary, says mayor

Experts

SC sacks judge who convicted Ecleo 'fall guy'

War over 'jueteng' turf turns bloody in Batangas

ROUNDUP

Firecracker hurts 3

Firecracker zones



Smuggling foiled

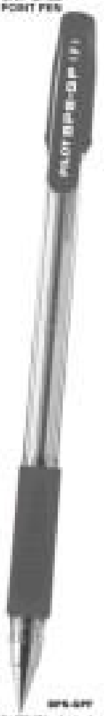
Logging monitored



Sorsogon irrigation

2 die in Benguet mishap

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SUPER BRAND PLATINUM 2004
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NEW ERGONOMICALLY RUBBERIZED GRIP BALL POINT PEN

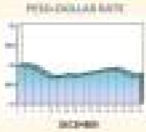


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SMC offers $1.37B for Aussie dairy firm

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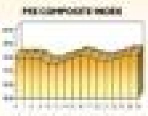


Interest Rates

Stock Market

Shares close 0.17% lower





GOCC '04 budget deficit seen at ₱92B

By Michelle V. Remo

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Unemployment rate targets



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Retailers expect cash registers to ring often in 2005



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Big population

Telco growth

Greater competition



MALLS will continue to do well in 2005



Never too old for freebies

TAX-FILES

PLDT to cut debt by $540M in '05

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PANGILINAN

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Stock analysts ignore ruling of Sandiganbayan

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LIFESTYLE

Editor Chit Ramos



When Paris beckons

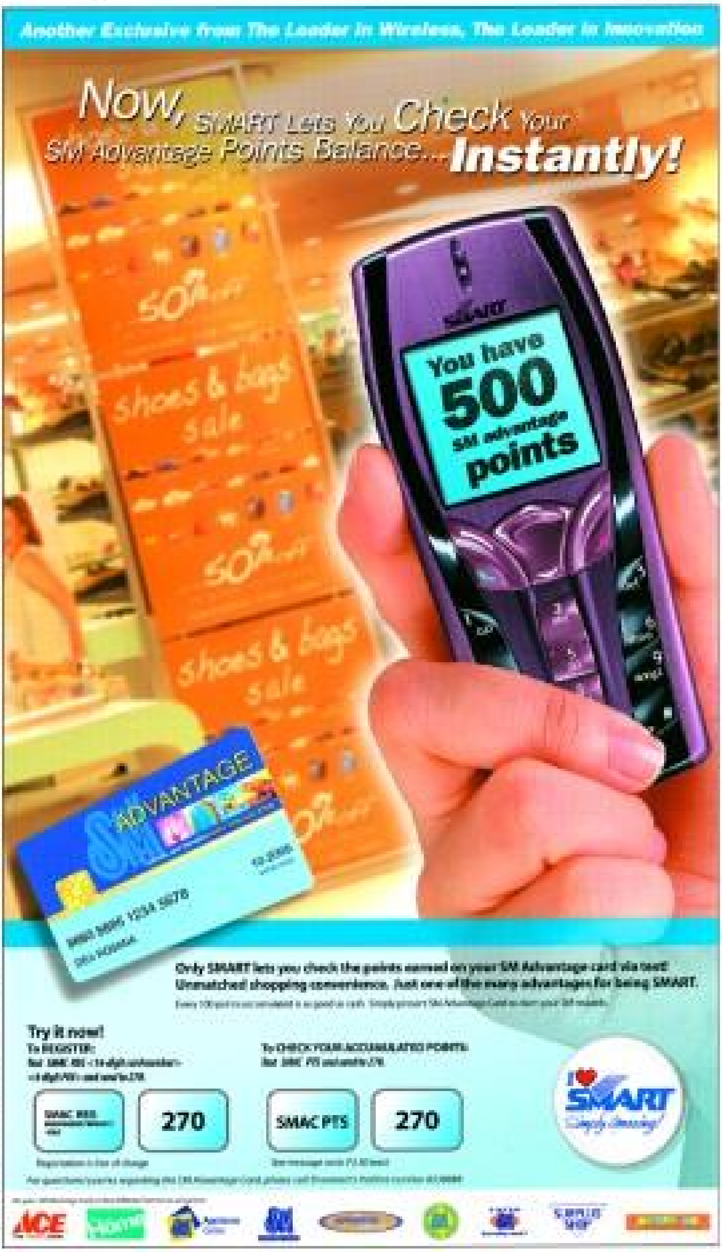


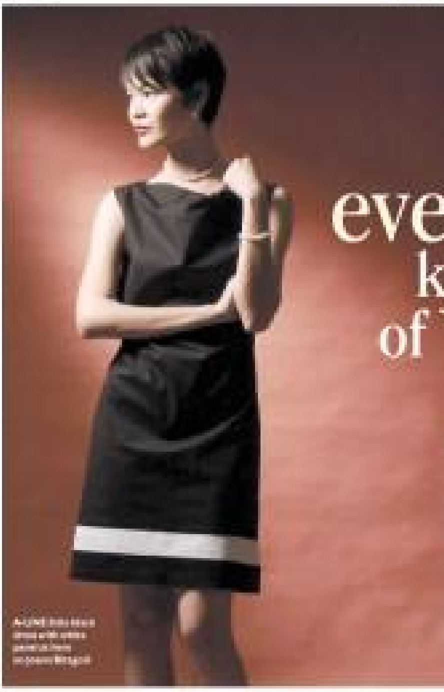
Japanese Tatsuki Takino and Laotian-French Linda Vongdara, are among many fashion designers who have flocked to the fashion capital from other countries

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Show window

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A-LINE little black dress with white panel at hem on Joann Bitagcol



SINGLE-BREASTED stretch long blazer in beige on Sarah Cristobal

For every kind of woman

A NEW clothing line that addresses the needs of different body types is ForMe. It's a brand that tries to enhance women's assets and hide their flaws.

Zorayda Ruth Andam, Binibining Pilipinas Universe 2003 and ForMe image model, represents women who are triangle figured because they have narrow shoulders and heavy bottoms.

Model Joann Bitagcol represents the "rectangular" women—women who are lean and have boyish figures.

"ForMe's idea is to enhance your good features and focus on worrying about imperfections," Bitagcol said. "I've been applying the same formula to my modeling and photography. And it works!"

Sarah Cristobal, an artist, Ramon Mallari and ForMe explained, and the brand has an extensive line.

"ForMe can go from preppy to corporate to clubbing," Cristobal said. "It focuses on women who not only have different body types but different lifestyles as well."

Maike Evers, a commercial model and a magazine columnist, also praised the variety of styles of ForMe.

Like a true fashion chameleon, Maike mixes and matches clothes. She said ForMe allowed her to experiment.

"ForMe has comfortable clothes with some classic designs that can be mixed and matched easily with what you already have," she said.

The brand's product tags have practical tips on what styles, cuts, patterns and details work well for you.

ForMe has shops at SM Megamall, SM North Edsa, SM Pampanga, SM Southmall, Robinsons Galleria, Festival Mall and Market! Market!



Are you a triangle or a rectangle? Whatever shape you're in, ForMe has something for you

LONG jacket over printed chiffon tunic and boot-cut denims on Zorayda Ruth Andam



A-LINE halter dress with asymmetric placket



3/4-sleeved top with asymmetric neckline and boot-cut pants

TUBE little black dress with satin sash on Maike Evers



Poncho perfection





To the office and beyond







NELLY Furtado



MARY-Kate and Ashley Olsen

Hollywood's fave fashion brand has found gateway in Asia



HILARY Duff

FORNARINA, long one of Europe's top fashion brands, is finally coming to the Philippines. The hip Italian clothing and accessories firm has chosen Gateway, soon to be the country's shopping and entertainment landmark destination, as the site to launch its Asian invasion.

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Like no other

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GATEWAY'S The Oasis, [illegible] open-air garden



FINE dining resto at Wolfgang Puck at Gateway

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BRITNEY Spears

Behind eyewear brand's sleek ads

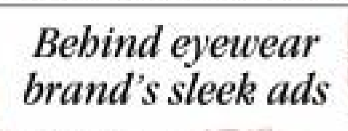


THE CONCEPT behind the [illegible] billboards was provided by [illegible] New York, which sells affordable and stylish eyewear. [illegible]

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Restoring the Christmas stressed-out skin



MAKEOVER 911

THE ENDLESS round of Christmas shopping, late-night parties, food binging and down ... might have taken its toll on our skin.

Oily/acne-prone but dehydrated skin

Sagging, dehydrated and wrinkled





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LANCÔME Aqua Fusion Cream

Tired, dull skin







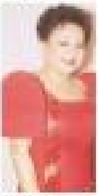


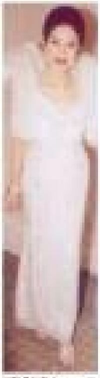




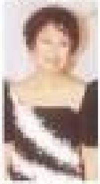












What a ball! What a bash for resto great!



WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH



Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen

















